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The mutant Wolverine has spent a century fighting those who would manipulate him for his unique powers—razor-sharp claws, heightened senses, and a healing factor capable of miracles. After repeated brainwashing, torture, and reprogramming, Wolverine's past was as much a mystery to him as to anyone. With those long-lost memories returned to him, Wolverine has set out on a mission to punish the conspirators who have wronged him.

Recently Logan discovered that he has been secretly manipulated his entire life by a mysterious figure known only as Romulus. Logan has now set off on a mission of bloody revenge and follows one of Romulus's enforcers, the disfigured man-mountain known as Victor Hudson to Russia, hoping to pick up Romulus's trail. Instead he finds himself locked in a prison with the deadly Omega Red. The pair battle each other for hours until finally a victorious, but badly wounded Wolverine stumbles out into the snow…right into the clutches of Wildchild, Romulus's right hand man.

Wildchild explains that Wolverine's previous battles have all been part of Romulus's plan to find a worthy successor, and kill the other contenders. As if called there, Omega Red shows up for a rematch, killing Wildchild and giving Wolverine time to arm himself with the Muramasa Blade, a mystical sword that inhibits healing factors and kills whatever it wounds.

After a final, bloody battle, Omega Red lays dying, and the mysterious Romulus finally reveals himself to Wolverine…

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DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

THE BLOOD ON MY HANDS...

HHRRR...

THE SCARS ON MY SOUL...

ALL BECAUSE OF--

YOUU...

RRAAHH!

I'LL TAKE THAT AS A "YES"...

ROMULUS

CONCLUSION

NOTHING EVER CHANGES WITH YOU, DOES IT, WOLVERINE?

IS THAT OUT OF STUBBORNESS?

KRANG!

OR IGNORANCE?

HRRRRAAAAHH!

I'VE SEEN...

...EVERYTHING CHANGE.

I'VE CHANGED WITH IT.

WHUDD!

THAT'S HOW I'VE STAYED ON TOP.

H--!

--?

COWARD...

ALWAYS... HIDING...

NO, WOLVERINE.

IT'S THE WORLD THAT LIVES IN MY SHADOW...

...NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

I'VE WAITED YOUR ENTIRE LIFE FOR THIS MOMENT...

WHUDD!

...AND THIS IS WHAT I GET?

KROKK!

HKK--!

I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR A @%#$ING SWORD FIGHT.

KRROOM!

SNIKT!

HHRRR...

AHH...

...THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.

I CAME HERE TO SEE...

...IF YOU WERE READY.

TO SEE IF YOU WERE WORTHY.

YOU'RE NOT.

I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT YOUR SON WILL--

SSSRAK

WROKK!

HEH...

YOU'RE REALLY GOOD WITH THOSE THINGS.

EVER WONDER WHY?

IT'S BECAUSE I TAUGHT YOU.

THROUGH THE OTHERS, I'VE TAUGHT YOU EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.

MADE YOU INTO EVERYTHING YOU ARE.

I AM YOU.

I AM...

...WHAT YOU WILL BECOME.

BUT ONLY IF YOU *LIVE* LONG ENOUGH.

SHUKK!

HHH..

WHAPP!

I'LL...

...LIVE.

SSSHRAK!

RRAH--!

YOU WON'T!

WILDCHILD *TOLD* ME WHAT YOU WANT FROM ME. FROM *US.*

BUT BY *DOIN'* THAT, HE ALSO TOLD ME SOMETHIN' *ELSE:*

YOU'RE NOT IMMORTAL.

YOU'RE JUST *OLD...*

SKKK!

AN' *TIRED...*

SSSHAK!

...AN' SCARED.

I FEAR NOTHING!

YOU FEAR WHAT YOU CAN'T CONTROL--THAT'S WHY YER HERE.

BECAUSE YER *AFRAID*...

CHANG!

...THAT IT'S ALL GONNA SLIP FROM YER GRASP.

HEH.

AN' WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT *YOU* BEIN' WHAT I'M GONNA *BECOME?* THAT'S A LIE.

JUST LIKE *EVERYTHING ELSE* ABOUT YOU.

YOU'RE NOT WHAT I'M GONNA BECOME...

...*I'M* WHAT *YOU'VE* ALWAYS WANTED TO BE.

HRRRAAAHRR!

SSSK--!

HRR...

WATCH YER STEP...

...IT'S *SLIPPERY* OVER THERE.

HNN...

WHAT'S WRONG, ROMULUS?

I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO DIE!

NO, WOLVERINE... I WANT TO LIVE.

FOREVER.

AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WILL HAPPEN, BOY-- YOU'LL KILL ME... AND THEN YOU'LL BECOME ME.

BULL--

YOU'LL HAVE NO CHOICE.

YOU DO REALIZE WHAT I AM, DON'T YOU? I'M NOT SIMPLY THE HEAD OF SOME EVIL EMPIRE--I'M THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN. IT'S A POSITION THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SHARE...BECAUSE I'VE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE.

BY CREATING TWO OF YOU.

YOU MAY NOT WANT IT, BUT YOUR SON DOES--IT'S THE ONLY THING HE WANTS. AND HE'LL NEVER STOP WANTING IT UNTIL HE EITHER GETS IT BY KILLING YOU...OR HE'S KILLED BY YOU.

ONLY THE MOST RUTHLESS WILL SURVIVE THIS, WOLVERINE. ONLY THE ONE MOST...

LIKE...

...ME.

YER *HEARIN'* FAILIN' YOU IN YER OLD AGE? I ALREADY *TOLD* YOU-- *I'LL LIVE.*

AN' SO WILL MY SON.

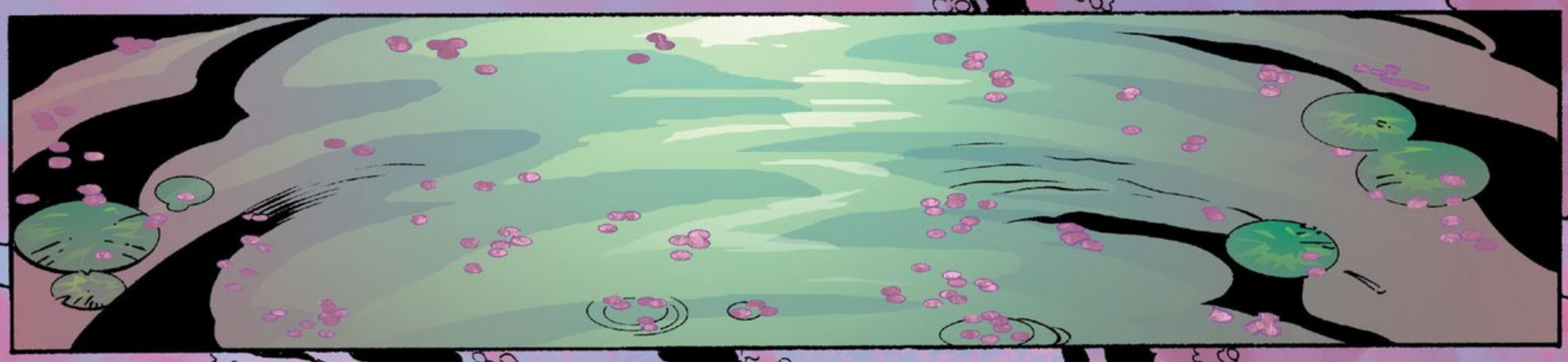
BUT *YOU?* AN' EVERYTHING YOU'VE *BUILT?* ARE GOIN' DOWN *HARD.*

SHAK!

SOON.

JUST AS SOON AS I FIGURE OUT--

YOU FORGOT SOMETHING.



÷GASP!÷

WHERE--?
WHERE AM I--?!

〈HELLO, HUSBAND.〉
〈WHY HAVE YOU KEPT ME WAITING?〉

ITSU!

〈NO!〉

〈DON'T〉

〈GO〉

〈TO〉

〈THE〉

〈HOUSE!〉

I...I'M TOUCHING HER! THIS IS REAL!

〈MY GOD, ITSU...I'M SO SORRY...〉

〈BUT I'M HERE NOW--!〉

〈YES, YOU ARE HERE...〉

〈...BUT WHERE IS OUR SON?〉

〈I...〉

CHAKK!

I'VE LIVED... LONGER THAN EVEN I CAN REMEMBER, SO BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU THAT YOU SHOULD ***NEVER*** TURN YOUR BACK ON AN ENEMY...

HNN...

...AND YOU CAN NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON WHAT YOU ***ARE.***

THERE'S A REASON WHY YOU'VE SPENT YOUR LIFE WATCHING THE ***SHEEP,*** WOLVERINE--AND IT'S ***NOT*** BECAUSE YOU'RE A ***SHEPHERD.***

SSINGG

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A ***WOLF.***

KEEP THAT.

YOU'LL NEED IT.

END.

NEXT